

SPREAD OF CONSUMPTION HEALTH OFFICER'S THEME

Dr. Woodward Begins Series
of Lectures on Subject.

ILLUSTRATED WITH VIEWS

Meeting Under the Auspices of the Associated Charities—Dr. Weller Also Speaks.

Under the auspices of the committee on prevention of the spread of consumption, the Associated Charities began a series of lectures in the Zion Baptist Church, F Street southwest, last night. Dr. William C. Woodward, Health Officer of the city, was one of the lecturers of the evening. Charles F. Weller, general secretary of the organization, delivered an address and illustrated it with stereoscopic views.

It is the intention of the Associated Charities to have a series of lectures given on "The Prevention of Consumption" by medical men of prominence in the country. Dr. Woodward is an expert in this disease, and his statements were elaborately illustrated by the views presented by Mr. Weller.

A large audience attended the opening lecture last night. No admission was charged, and none will be, as it is the desire of the committee to have as many attend these meetings as possible. The committee in charge of the meeting last night consisted of Rev. J. E. Wiseman, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer; W. H. Hunter, of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, and W. S. Duffield, of Lincoln Temple.

Consumption Death Rate.
In opening his address, Dr. Woodward called attention to his report, recently issued, in which the statement is made that the death rate from consumption is greater among colored people than among the whites. This fact is not only applicable to Washington, but to all parts of the country. Dr. Woodward also said:

"Every case of consumption comes from some other case of the same disease. The public should not be misled by the present general agitation by sanitarians for the adoption of measures to prevent the spread of consumption into believing that every occasional association with a person suffering with the disease is a serious menace to health. The danger against which outcry is made results from the number of cases of consumption in a community rather than from the danger from each particular case, and from the fact that at the present time few patients are careful to follow the simple rules which must be obeyed in order to prevent the spread of the disease, or, in fact, even know such rules.

"Consumption is due to the growth of a germ called the tubercle bacillus. The disease is communicated from one person to another or from the lower animals to human beings through such germs. Two conditions exist before a person can develop the disease, namely, the germs must find their way into the body and the body must be in such a condition to receive them. The germs are not naturally found within the body. That they may grow when in the body, the latter must be in a suitable condition, which means that the body must be weakened in some way. The greatest danger lies in the air we breathe. Many cases, no doubt, occur from eating the flesh of animals suffering from the disease or from milk from animals suffering with it.

Spread of Disease.

"Many cases are spread in these ways, but the greatest danger lies in what the consumptive spits up. The material is not very dangerous when it is wet, but as soon as it dries it finds its way into the air and sooner or later, the germs are breathed into the systems of other victims." Dr. Woodward insisted handkerchiefs used by consumptives should be sterilized by boiling in hot water for at least five minutes. Sunlight is death to germs and rooms occupied by persons suffering with the disease should be given lots of sunlight every day. He urged care in the use of meats from diseased animals and the greatest care in sanitary conditions about the homes of the sufferers.

Mr. Weller followed Dr. Woodward with a short address on the crusade now being made by sanitarians on consumption and illustrated the means to fight the disease. He said there is one death from consumption in every seven deaths reported. He urged the public to assist in the work of stamping the disease out and showed how easily it could be done. The meeting was highly instructive, and subsequent lectures will be attended by larger audiences than that of last night.

ST. LOUIS TAXPAYERS SEEK

RELIEF IN SUPREME COURT

In a petition filed yesterday in the Supreme Court of the United States, William Preston Hill, of St. Louis, declares that the action of the State board of equalization in Missouri in fixing the rate of taxation in St. Louis is unconstitutional.

He says that in fixing the rate of taxes on the property of corporations at one-fourth to one-half its value is greatly to the detriment of the taxpayers. Mr. Hill commenced proceedings in the State courts of Missouri by asking that a writ of mandamus be issued against the board of equalization to compel a change of the rate fixed by it. This petition was denied and he now seeks relief in the Supreme Court of the United States.

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REVOLVER MATCH FOR THE CARMODY TROPHY

Police Team to Shoot Against
Association Today.

The second revolver match between the Metropolitan police force team and the six men representing the Revolver Association of the District of Columbia will be shot at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the indoor practice gallery of the National Guard Armory, over Center Market.

An individual match will also be shot. In the latter both the members of the teams and the alternates may participate. The distance for both of the matches will be forty-five feet.

The police lost the last match by almost a hundred points. It was said that they had been practicing for thirty feet matches, and were consequently handicapped. Since then they have practiced a great deal, and if defeated will not blame the distance, but concede the superior marksmanship of the citizen soldiers.

The following will be the personnel of the two teams:

Police force—Privates J. C. Bunn, D. C. Langley, J. W. McCormack, A. Melen, J. T. Newkirk, and J. T. Kennedy. Alternates, Eugene Davis, G. S. Canby, W. H. Buckingham, and Sergt. J. J. Murphy.

Revolver Association—Major James E. Bell, Major Glendie B. Young, Capt. Alexander Summers, Lieut. W. M. Farrow, Privates George E. Cook and E. A. Byrnes. Alternates, William Farrow, Jr., S. D. Rotramel, and Privates Woritz and Wheeler.

The winning team will be awarded the handsome silver Carmody Trophy. This will be subject to challenge, after thirty days, and should the policemen fall again they can have another chance about the 1st of February. The individual prizes have been given by local merchants and jewelers. Four prizes will be awarded to those making the highest scores. Among the prizes are a gold stick pin and a pair of gold sleeve buttons.

The first match will begin promptly at 3 o'clock, and the individual contests will begin at the conclusion of the team match. An admission fee of 50 cents will be charged. The proceeds will be given to the Home for the Blind in this city.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT SUSPENDS APPOINTMENTS

The Treasury Department has suspended making temporary appointments for the present, owing to the lack of places. There is still a heavy demand for help in some branches, but owing to the use of the repair roll for regular appointees that fund, it has been decided, can no longer be employed for emergency work.

Temporary appointments are made only in the event of a regular vacancy and pending the selection of an eligible candidate for appointment from the lists of the Civil Service Commission. Owing to the few changes which take place in the Treasury personnel at this season of the year, the department, it is understood, has decided to suspend appointments of this character.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION

The commands of Spanish War Veterans, Corps of the District of Columbia, have been ordered to assemble at their hall, 612 E Street, Thursday, January 1, for the purpose of attending the President's reception. Members who have no uniforms are requested to wear dark clothes, white gloves, and campaign hats. Commands are expected to report promptly at 11 o'clock; the line will be formed at 11:30.

MUST HAVE LICENSE.

The District Commissioners have received from Arthur H. O'Connor, Assistant Corporation Counsel, an opinion on the communication of Jesse E. Potbury, who asked whether a manufacturer of galvanized skylights, contracting for the same with builders, was liable for the license of a contractor. Mr. O'Connor takes the view that the business of Mr. Potbury comes within the terms of paragraph 46 of the license act approved July 1, 1902, and states that in his opinion he should be required to take out such license.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

General Boynton, president of the Board of Education, presided at the meeting of the board last night in Franklin School. It was decided at the meeting to allow the distribution to parents, through the pupils, of pamphlets on "the prevention of the spread of consumption." It was also agreed to allow the distribution in the normal schools.

Della White was appointed substitute music teacher in the Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh divisions.

MR. SARDO'S FUNERAL.

Funeral services over the remains of Albert E. Sardo, who was killed by a switching engine at Rumford Falls, Me., several days ago, were held from Gawler's undertaking establishment yesterday afternoon. The Rev. J. C. Milburn officiated at the service. Interment was made at Oak Hill Cemetery with Masonic ritual.

A Timely Suggestion.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be ward off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by Henry Evans, wholesale, and all druggists.

SANTA CLAUS APPEARS AT MASONIC TEMPLE

Street Car Employees' Children Made Happy.

The cruel-visaged giant, with talon-like fingers and nails—the average child's mind picture of what constitutes the so-called "soulless corporation"—was last night metamorphosed into an old gentleman with benign countenance, a tangled mass of white hair and whiskers, wearing a fur-trimmed great coat and carrying a pack out of which peeped the faces of beautifully dressed dolls, surrounded by packages of fruit, nuts, candy, and toys.

This fantastic change was wrought at Masonic Temple, where from nine to twelve hundred children of employees of the Washington Railway and Electric Company were given a Christmas treat at the expense of Allan L. McDermott, president of the company. No pains were spared to make the entertainment a success. A special committee, consisting of Gen. George H. Harries, vice president; R. E. Lee, general superintendent; the secretary and the division superintendents of the company, worked the greater part of yesterday preparing the hall for the festivities.

The entertainment was under the direction of General Superintendent Lee, who completed his task last night with much less confidence than when he undertook it. And now he contemplates the clearing away of a railroad wreck with less dread than this "dressing up the Christmas bushes," as he called it. He found that wielding the heavy tools used in street railway construction is vastly different from climbing treacherous stepladders and hanging glittering ornaments of tinsel strings, balls, and figures among the branches of evergreen to make an effect like that of the holiday decorations in the show windows.

But the general appearance of the hall

last night was as good as though the work had been done by experienced drapers and decorators. The walls were plentifully covered with greens and on either side of the stage were tall Christmas trees full of glowing lights and glittering objects. In a large room at the rear of the hall were stacked hundreds of toys—dolls, wagons, games of all kinds, and also bags of nuts, fruit and candy. At the close of the entertainment the children filed through this room and each received a present from the toy and book department and also from the store of "goodies."

The prettiest picture of all was that made by the children themselves. Many people sat in the balcony and watched them throughout the entire performance. There were 800 chairs in the room and all were occupied. Around the walls and in the aisles stood many more, and from the whole proceeded an unintelligible rumble and roar, caused by expressions of ecstatic pleasure.

The program consisted of music, recitations, dancing and juvenile acting—contributed for the most part by Cora Shreve's dancing class of fifteen little misses. The vocal music was furnished by Perry Turpin, Frank Reeside and Miss Gans, with Arthur Mayo as accompanist.

This entertainment by the street railway company for the children of its employees succeeds the reception given December 4 for the women of the employees' families, held at the club rooms fitted up for the men at 914 E Street.

President McDermott has undertaken the problem of bettering the social condition of the working men. His plan is to stimulate their interest in each other and he has gone about it in a practical manner.

REHEARING PROBABLE IN SLOT MACHINE CASES

Commissioners May Reconsider Their
Decision as to Required Tax.

The commissioners have directed their secretary to inform Charles L. Frailey that any statement or argument he desires to make relative to the licensing of slot machines in the District may be submitted to the Board and will receive due consideration. Mr. Frailey is the attorney of the Cabinet Cigar Company, which until recently maintained numerous slot machines for vending cigars. He asked that the decision of the Commissioners relative to the licensing of these machines be reconsidered.

It appears that several weeks ago the Assessor presented this matter to the Commissioners, and the Board, following legal advice given by the Corporation Counsel, decided that each machine of this kind must pay a license of \$12—the regular retail cigar license.

Mr. Frailey points out that his client owns about 300 of the machines in question, and that the annual tax on that basis would amount to \$3,600, a sum which, he says, is entirely prohibitive, and if insisted upon will drive it out of business. He submits that the tax is too great and ought to be modified, and he thinks it would be so modified if the matter was properly presented to the authorities.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA AT CHRIST CHURCH

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of Christ P. E. Church, East Washington, was held last evening in the Parish Hall. The hall was packed, and many who came late were turned away. The stage was tastefully decorated, the scene representing a deep pine forest in midwinter. The program included a "juvenile jingle" by Anthony A. Sousa, entitled "The Revel of the Snow Flakes," introducing a chorus of forty voices. Tunesful music and the happy songs of Santa Claus were received with applause and laughter. The good old patron of Christmas scored a "hit" when he declared that the coal scarcity failed to bother him at the North Pole.

The principal parts were taken as follows: "Snow Queen," Miss Amy Simmonds; "Santa Claus," A. A. Sousa; "Jack Frost," Charles Bright; "Wind," Earl Hutchinson; "Hail," William Kirby; "Sun," Charles Miller.

WILDFLOWER OFFICERS.

The Wildflower Preservation Society held a meeting last night at the Cosmos Club, and elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: President, Frederick V. Coville, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; vice president, Dr. D. F. Macdonough, New York botanical garden; secretary, Charles L. Pollard, National Museum, Washington, D. C.; treasurer, Mrs. Carleju W. Harris, Brooklyn, N. Y. The society authorized the secretary to make lectures through the Western States with the object of obtaining additional members.

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The initial trip of "The Southern Palm Limited" will be with train leaving Washington 6:30 p. m. January 12, 1903.

In addition to the above train, the Southern Railway operates two other high-class trains between the East and Florida, leaving Washington 10:51 a. m. and 9:30 p. m. daily.

WILLIAM GIBSON LEAVES ESTATE TO CHILDREN

Wills of Catherine Rudy and Sidney
Lewis Willson Also Filed.

The will of William Gibson, dated July 2, last, has been filed for probate in the office of the Register of Wills for the District.

To his daughters—Mary, Jane, Isabelle, and Martha Gibson—he leaves premises 1422 S Street northwest as tenants in common. He also leaves them all the personal property on the premises except the war relics and memorials of his military service, which are left to his son, Charles Rawlings Gibson. The remainder of his estate is left to the daughters named, and Rose Scott, Sarah Gwynne, and his son Charles Rawlings Gibson, in equal shares.

Mrs. Catherine Rudy, by her will dated November 15, 1899, leaves her estate to St. Aloysius Church, this city.

The will of Sidney Lewis Willson, dated March 21, 1891, also filed today for probate, directs the following disposition of his estate: To his son, Russell Willson, a watch and chain; to his son, S. Lewis Willson, \$300; to his wife, Lucy F. Willson, all his personal property except his watch and chain. The remainder of his estate is left to A. S. Worthington, Thomas J. Skidmore, and Loren Prentiss, executors, to be held in trust until his youngest child becomes sixteen years old. While the trust continues, the executors are instructed to pay Mrs. Willson \$600 and his minor children \$200 annually in quarterly payments.

DEATH OF BENSON TALBOTT.

Benson Talbott, who formerly conducted a grain and general produce business in this city, died yesterday at the home of his son, William H. Talbott, Gaithersburg, Md. He was eighty-three years of age and leave a widow and five children. Mr. Talbott was stricken with acute indigestion on December 19, which was the immediate cause of his death. The funeral will take place on Thursday, which is the fifty-fifth anniversary of his marriage.

New Year Receptions.

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Proceedings Against Thomas
E Hunt Dismissed.

Dr. Walter D. Cannon, a nephew of Representative Joseph Cannon, of Illinois, was yesterday adjudged to be of unsound mind and committed to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane for treatment. Dr. Cannon was formerly one of the police surgeons of the District, and resigned from that position about six years ago. He was then employed professionally at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Recently he showed signs of his mind becoming unbalanced, and for some time has been receiving treatment under the direction of Dr. A. B. Richardson, the superintendent of the institution. The latter was called as a witness in the case, and said that there is no doubt that Dr. Cannon is a fit subject for treatment for his mental trouble, in an asylum.

The proceedings against Thomas E. Hunt, alleged to be insane, were dismissed. He is at present serving a sentence in the workhouse. He was convicted about two years ago of turning in a false alarm. In fact, it was testified that he had a mania for making false fire alarms, and was on other occasions convicted of the offense in the Police Court. Two physicians, who were appointed by the court to make an examination of Hunt's mental condition, testified that, while he was illiterate, he is of sound mentality, except when his mind is deranged from the effects of strong drink. In this connection, it may be said that Hunt is said to have prided himself on being the "champion beer drinker of the District."

Bessie C. Henry, who was adjudged to be insane, told the court that the physicians who testified against her are "a cheap set," and that the only thing the matter with her is that her "friends are jealous" of her and want to put her away.

The others who were committed to the asylum for treatment are: Carrie L. Godfrey, John Connor, Bessie Roberts, Jordan D. Robinson, Phoebe Elliott, Tracelia Bevans, and Anna A. Cruik.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

AT UNION M. E. CHURCH

The Christmas festival at Union M. E. Church, Pennsylvania Avenue and Twentieth Street, last night, was participated in by members of the congregation and a large number of invited guests. A series of stereoscopic views was shown, descriptive of the birth and life of Christ, scenes in Porto Rico, and Philippine Islands, and also the Methodist missions in those islands.

Two tables loaded down with edibles extended the length of the room, with smaller tables in the alcoves. Prizes were awarded as follows: For attendance fifty-two Sundays, Charles E. West, John R. Johnson, William Melbaur, Annie West, Roger Arundell, and Halbert Winterfield. For attendance, fifty-one Sundays, P. L. Brooks, Emily Milbren, and Maud Eiker.

SCIENTISTS AT DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America, which is affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, was held last evening at Rauscher's. Simon Newcomb is president of the society. The guest of honor last evening was the German Ambassador. Other guests were Senator Morgan of Alabama, Assistant Secretary of State Hill, and Capt. C. M. Chester, superintendent of the Naval Observatory.

MR. FOWLER'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Francis Fowler, principal examiner of the Patent Office, took place from the family residence, 1409 Q Street northwest, yesterday afternoon. The services were attended by a number of prominent officials from the Patent Office.

The pallbearers were Edward B. Moore, Assistant Commissioner of Patents; Granville Lewis, Herbert Wright, T. J. Hogan, R. T. Frazier, and Philip F. Lerner. The interment was private.

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NEGROES DISCUSS BEST IDEAS FOR THE RACE

Second Session of the Amer-
ican Academy.

The second session of the annual meeting of the American Negro Academy was held last evening at Lincoln Memorial Temple, when some timely subjects on the welfare of the negro were passed upon. Matthew Anderson, rector of Berean Presbyterian Church, of Philadelphia, Pa., read a paper on "The Institutional Church and the Negro." It was an interesting address, in which the speaker declared he was a firm believer in negro schools and churches—especially institutional churches. He said this was absolutely necessary for the negro.

W. H. Ferris, of Tower Hall Institute, Rhode Island, read a paper on "A Historical and Psychological Account of the Genesis and Development of the Negro's Religion."

Prof. Kelly Miller, of Harvard, first vice president of the society, presided. At an afternoon meeting the following officers were elected:

President, W. E. Du Bois, of Atlanta University; first vice president, Prof. Kelly Miller; second vice president, the Rev. J. A. Johnson; third vice president, W. H. Croghan; fourth vice president, the Rev. M. Anderson; recording secretary, G. M. Lightfoot; corresponding secretary, J. W. Cromwell; executive committee, Kelly Miller, F. J. Grimké, W. B. Hayson, J. L. Love, J. W. Cromwell, and treasurer, F. J. Grimké.

At the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, the fortieth anniversary of the emancipation proclamation will be held, and addresses will be delivered by Prof. Kelly Miller, the Rev. Lewis C. Sheafe, and Ammon W. Scott. The Metropolitan Church choir will furnish music for the evening.

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